



Disclaimer: I hope you will find these notes helpful. They are not a complete representation of the meeting, but rather the highlights of topics discussed. Feel free to contact Erin Verplank or Zachary Burton at Westfield City Services Center: communications@westfield.in.gov or (317) 804-3001 if you have any questions.

MEETING SUMMARY

January 27, 2015

Jim Ake opened meeting at 7 p.m.

Q and A with Mayor Cook

Ron Rothrock – enjoyed the e-newsletter. Mayor mentioned at town hall meetings people tended to want a different format.

The mayor announced Ken Alexander's new position as director of Grand Park.

Question about the towers – David Rubin will come in from land collective and give us the overview of the Grand Junction Plaza schematic design. And then will come to this group (meaning WeCAN). At that meeting, he's going to introduce the idea he brought to us about the landmarks. He wants to revisit what that design is. Wants to develop an international competition. The bases are still in place on US 31.

Concern about Keystone access – There is discussion about taking Lowes way south over Keystone and taking it southbound. County Commissioner and Westfield resident Mark Heirbrandt is really taking the initiative to the County.

Concern about the McClure site – Privately owned. Maintained only to get around zoning violations. Hopefully a private individual will purchase property.

Remarks from Chuck Lehman

Council President Chuck Lehman addressed the group. Discussed identity issues with Westfield: Other communities have a solid identity. Why do people move here? What value? Overall it's quality of life. How do we emphasize this?

Remarks from Danielle Tolan

Township Trustee Danielle Tolan discussed the role of Township government in Westfield. Emphasized parks - only one other township in Indiana that has a parks program. Work with the city to collaborate our efforts. How do we work together? Do fire protection – interlocal agreement. Own station on 151st Street. Sixth generation farmer. Dad, grandfather and great grandfather were also public servants.

Communications committee

Zach Burton gave an update on communications committee.

Westfield Welcome – Michelle Krcmery

Michelle Krcmery from the communications department discussed westfieldwelcome.com. Talked about way to connect people, list volunteer opportunities, keep visitors' dollars in westfield. Have volunteer welcome centers on site at Grand Park so that people stay here.

Presentation from Centennial (Joe Plankis)

Discussed operations, reserve funds and studies for Centennial. 1/3 of centennial is public space. Two associations –townhome association/master association (responsible for the maintenance of the common areas). Top dollar items: landscaping, pool and other amenities, security services. Centennial has its own tech utility company started by Estridge (Inside Connect). Residents are charged 15 dollars a month for First Mile security. Some reserve funds cannot be spent on capital projects. Would need to create a separate capital fund.

Discussed cost control. Eight other board members beside himself who are voted in by residents to continue on the board. Have been able to negotiate contracts as a board. Make sure to be as detailed as possible in request for quotes in order to get an accurate proposal and cost estimate. Require a minimum of three year, fixed price contract. Makes it easier to plan the business of the HOA. It is the maximum allowed by law. 1,088 units in Centennial, so larger than others.

Presentation from Village Farms (Norm Cessi)

Incorporated in 1973, designation is a social club. 12 members of board of directors. 783 dues-paying parcels. Monthly board meetings open to all. Self-managed, do not use a management company. Use

CondoManager software in order to handle information regarding homeowners and financials. Variety of amenities. Three stocked lakes. Communicate via newsletter, website, FB and Twitter.

Want to complete a long-range plan. Facilitating a discussion with residents. Working with Matt Skelton.

Determining a path forward regarding Greyhound Pass traffic issues – traffic study

Determine a path forward for drainage issues

Address traffic concerns from light shows – during Christmas time this is an issue, particularly with cul-de-sacs

Review and revise by-laws (not a wholesale change), limited clarifications and updates per federal and state regulations.

Criteria will be based on impact, affordability, desirability and safety.

Greyhound Pass issue – speeding, safety issue due to no sidewalks. Greyhound Pass thoroughfare will split the community in half. Two roundabouts proposed in neighborhood. Will do a traffic study in partnership with the City this year to determine way forward.

Drainage caused by heavy rainfall. Lack of sufficiently sized curb. Streets flood easier now. How can we fix this?

Light shows during Christmas season – Great for the neighborhood. However, significant increase in traffic on streets connected to light shows. Visitors come from all over the Indianapolis area to view the light show – by car, bus and even limo. Light shows can last up to 30 minutes, so cars get backed up. One of the shows is in a cul-de-sac. A concern is emergency vehicles get in during a traffic back-up.

Discussion regarding future meeting locations

Library has a community room. Also could use city hall. Public safety building? Group decided to still meet here in Feb. Also will keep start time at 7 p.m.

Other items

Likes the format for communities to talk about how they operate. Two a month?

Jim Ake closed the meeting shortly after 8:30 p.m.